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1.EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ANSWER TO OUR LETTER OF JANUARY 19 (REFTEL) TO ROMEO LEBLANC, MINISTER, ENVIRONMENT CANADA. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MESSRS. QUARLES AND GARDNER:

"THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON REGULATION OF CHLOROFLUORO-CARBON EMISSIONS, APRIL 26-28, 1977, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CANADA WILL BE PLEASED TO BE REPRESENTED AT AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.

"CANADA HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE OZONE LAYER AND HAS A SUBSTANTIAL RESEARCH PROGRAM ON STRATOSPHERIC POLLUTION. IN DECEMBER 1976, THE ATMOSPHERIC ENVIRONMENT SERVICE OF MY DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED A REPORT ON THE CHLOROFLUOROCARBON/OZONE ISSUE WHICH I AM SENDING YOU UNDER SEPARATE COVER. SUBSEQUENTLY, I ANNOUNCED (PRESS RELEASE ATTACHED) THAT CANADA WOULD IMPLEMENT CERTAIN MEASURES TO LIMIT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RELEASE OF THE TWO CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS F 11 AND F 12. I HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PROBLEM IS A GLOBAL ONE AND REQUIRES A WORLD-WIDE RESPONSE. THEREFORE, I ENDORSE THE INITIATIVE OF THE U.S. IN ATTEMPTING TO PROMOTE CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE

REPRESENTED BY MR. L. EDGEWORTH, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF MY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICE (EPS). HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. J.E. BRYDON, DIRECTOR, ENFIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DIRECTORATE, EPS, AND BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE.

"I TRUST THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE SATISFACTORY AND I HOPE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE FRUITFUL."

2. COMMENT: REPORT ON THE CHLOROFLUOROCARBON/OZONE ISSUE AND PRESS RELEASE MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/CAN UPON RECEIPT. ENDERS

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